

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A wraps dispenser, comprising:

a trunk;

a lid hinged to the trunk;

a cutter bar having a base from which a plurality of teeth extend, each tooth terminating on first and second sides at a valley proximate the base. the base being attached to one of the trunk and the lid, each valley being spaced away from the trunk or lid to which the base is attached by a predetermined registration zone.

2. The wraps dispenser of claim 1, wherein the registration zone is within the range of about 0.01 to 0.05 inches.

3. The wraps dispenser of claim 1, wherein the registration zone has a width of approximately 0.03125 inches.

4. The wraps dispenser of claim 1, wherein the cutter bar is attached to a bottom surface of the trunk.

5. The wraps dispenser of claim 1, wherein the cutter bar is attached to a front surface of the lid.

6. The wraps dispenser of claim 1, wherein the front surface of the lid includes means for reinforcing the front surface of the lid.

5 7. The wraps dispenser of claim 1, wherein the trunk and lid are formed from a unitary piece of paperboard, the front surface of the lid including first and second pieces of paperboard.

8. A wraps dispenser, comprising:

a trunk having a base, a back wall, a front wall, and first and second end walls;

a lid hinged to the trunk, the lid having a front wall, a top wall, and first and second end walls;

5 a reinforcing member operatively associated with the lid front wall;

a tear strip removably attached to the lid front wall at a score line; and

10 a cutter bar attached to the reinforcing member, the cutter bar having a plurality of teeth separated by a plurality of valleys, the plurality of teeth overlying the tear strip, the plurality of valleys each being spaced from the tear line by a registration zone of predetermined dimension.

9. The wraps dispenser of claim 8, wherein the registration zone has a width dimension of at least 0.03125 inches.

10. The wraps dispenser of claim 8, wherein the reinforcing member is integral with the lid front wall.

11. A wraps dispenser, comprising:

a trunk adapted to receive a roll of wrap therein; and

a lid hinged to the trunk, the lid having a front flap to which a cutter bar is attached, the front flap of the lid being thicker than the trunk and remaining portions of the lid.

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12. The wraps dispenser of claim 11, wherein the lid front flap includes first and second layers.

13. The wraps dispenser of claim 11, wherein the trunk and lid are made of paperboard and wherein the first and second layers of the lid are made by folding the paperboard.

14. The wraps dispenser of claim 11, wherein the lid further includes a tear strip adjacent the front flap, the tear strip being adhered to a front flap of the base.

15. The wraps dispenser of claim 11, wherein the tear strip includes a release coating to inhibit adhesion of the cutter bar to the tear strip.

16. The wraps dispenser of claim 11, wherein the cutter bar is made of plastic.

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17. The wraps dispenser of claim 16, wherein the cutter bar is made of polyethylene terephthalate (PET).

18. The wraps dispenser of claim 14, wherein the tear strip is joined to the lid front flap at a score line, and the cutter bar includes a plurality of teeth separated by a plurality of valleys, each valley being spaced from the score line by at least 0.03125 inches.

5 19. The wraps dispenser of claim 11, wherein the trunk and lid are made from a unitary piece of material.

20. A method of forming a wraps dispenser, comprising:

providing a template having a plurality of lid flaps adapted to form a lid and a plurality of trunk flaps adapted to form a trunk;

attaching a cutter bar to the template, the cutter bar having a base from which a plurality of teeth extend, the base and the teeth overlying separate template flaps;

folding the flaps into a tubular configuration with open first and second ends adapted to receive a roll of film, the teeth being fully exposed after the folding step.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the template includes a tear strip, a lid front flap, a lid top flap, a trunk back flap, a trunk bottom flap, a trunk front flap, a trunk reinforcing flap, and a plurality of end flaps, the cutter bar base being attached to the trunk bottom flap.

22. The method of claim 20, further including the steps of inserting a roll of film into the dispenser through one of the first and second ends, and closing the first and second ends with the plurality of end flaps.

23. The method of claim 20, further including the step of applying a release coating to the template.

24. The method of claim 20, further including the step of coating the cutter bar with adhesive prior to the attaching step.

25. The method of claim 20, wherein the providing step involves cutting the template from a sheet of paperboard.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein the sheet of paperboard is thirty-four inches wide and forty-nine and three-quarter inches long, and wherein nine templates are cut from each sheet.

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27. A wraps dispenser, comprising:
a trunk adapted to receive a roll of film;
a lid hinged to the trunk and adapted to close the trunk;
a cutter bar attached to the dispenser; and
means for reinforcing the dispenser proximate the cutter bar.

28. The wraps dispenser of claim 27, wherein the cutter bar is attached to the dispenser lid.

29. The wraps dispenser of claim 27, wherein the means for reinforcing is a double-layered wall.

30. The wraps dispenser of claim 27, wherein the trunk-lid and means for reinforcing are all formed from a unitary piece of material.